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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Lemons et al.
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For : **PLATFORM-INDEPENDENT EXCEPTIONS-
BASED METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
REMOTELY MANAGING NODES WITHIN
A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the final rejection of claims 1-80 dated September 16, 2004, to the Board of Appeals. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is being filed herewith to extend the response period to January 18, 2005 (January 16 being a Sunday and January 17 being a holiday).

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$500 for payment of the Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

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